

Board of Public Education and Office of Public Instruction

Chapter 55 Joint Task Force

Expected Outcomes – December 13-14, 2010 Work Session

Purpose

To review and revise the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 10.55 Standards of Accreditation to align the standards with current innovative practice providing flexibility and ensuring quality education and accountability.

Charge

The Chapter 55 Joint Task Force shall provide to the state Superintendent and the BPE recommendations for amendments to ARM 10.55. Recommended amendments to ARM will comply with MAPA rules for public hearing.

By Tuesday afternoon, December 14, the Chapter 55 Joint Task Force will:

1. Complete Chapter 55 draft rule language recommendations for consideration by constituents; **Recommended draft rule language, changes and no changes, were reviewed, standard by standard, during the December meeting of the Chapter 55 Task Force. The results from the December work session are available for public comment on the OPI Web site http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/index.html?gpm=1_2#gpm1_3. Please send your comments on these draft recommendations to the task force member who represents your constituent group. For Chapter 55 Task Force contact information, go to the OPI Web site http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/index.html?gpm=1_2#gpm1_3. Select the Task Force Membership tab.**
2. Identify key components and related data elements, appropriate to Montana, of a “blended” Performance Based Accreditation (PBA) model, (innovative practice to encourage flexibility while ensuring education quality and accountability); **A subcommittee will develop a performance-based accreditation model for consideration by the task force at the next Chapter 55 Task Force work session.**
3. Establish working groups and conveners to provide communication between work session; and **The Chapter 55 staffers will develop a new approach to communicate with the Chapter 55 Task Force. Subcommittees of the Task Force will address the Chapter 55 standards in “need of more discussion” in the next months. The work of the subcommittees will be shared with every member of the task force.**
4. Establish next meeting dates.
May 16-17, 2011, is the next work session for the task force.

